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PRESIDENT HEARS LABOR GRIEVANCES

Leaders Declare Nation-Wide Strike
Almost Certain

PRESIDENT SAYS TO WAIT

Police Report Group Seeking Admission to Arena Crying "We Want Wilson."

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 14.—Representatives of the Washington State Federation of Labor here today laid before President Wilson labor grievances of the Pacific Northwest and pictured to him existing labor unrest which they said would make difficult, if not impossible, the prevention of a nationwide strike October 8, in sympathy for Thomas J. Mooney, sentenced to life imprisonment for San Francisco bomb outrages in 1916.

Specifically, the delegation asked for an appointment to see the President to present the cases of "political prisoners," notably those of Hulet M. Wells, Sam Sadler and Morris and Joe Pass, the latter two being brothers all serving terms of two years for seditious conspiracy.

The delegation was composed of L. W. Buck, acting president of the State Federation; C. R. Collrell, secretary of the Triple Alliance composed of railway men, labor and farmers; and James A. Duncan, secretary of the Central Labor Council of Seattle. Mr. Duncan, according to officials of the United States district attorney's office, was one of the leaders in a general strike here last February which former Mayor Ole Hanson characterized as a "revolution."

Wait on Conferences

For more than an hour the President discussed the labor situation with the delegation and suggested to them that organized labor should bury its differences with capital and do its utmost to prevent strikes until after the labor conference which he has called to meet in Washington October 6.

Mr. Buck, who acted as spokesman in pleading the cases of the "political prisoners," charged the government with prosecuting these while it failed to prosecute profiteers. The President told the delegation it was all right for them to have grievances but that he wanted to know what remedy they had to suggest.

President Wilson would not make a statement concerning the conference, Secretary Cummins said when the delegation left the President's hotel. The secretary epitomized, however, what went on.

Members of the delegation likewise declined to talk. Mr. Buck said they wanted to give the President an opportunity to disclose what took place, but that if he did not do so the labor men would issue a statement.

Called for Admission

Local police today said that a group of men last night stood outside the Arena while the President was speaking inside, pounded on the doors and cried: "We want justice," along with the cries of "we want in" and "we want Wilson."

During President Wilson's visit to Seattle local radicals walked the streets wearing badges reading "release political prisoners."

President and Mrs. Wilson today attended services at First Presbyterian church, of which an old Princeton classmate of the President, Dr. M. A. Matthews, is pastor. The President was cheered for a full minute by the congregation when he entered the church.

Admiral Rodman, staff officers and ship commanders of the Pacific fleet called on the President this afternoon to pay their respects. The President complimented them on the precision with which the review went off yesterday.

President Rests.

The greater part of the day the President spent quietly at the hotel, where he slept last night after concluding perhaps the most strenuous week of his entire speaking trip. He was somewhat fatigued by the ten-day journey across the continent but his physician Dr. Cary Grayson said Mr. Wilson was in excellent health considering the many addresses made since he left Washington.

Although he has traveled only a little more than 4,000 miles of his 10,000 mile itinerary and had been on the road only about one-third of the total time to be consumed by the trip the President has made eighteen of

GERMANY'S PROBLEM OF SELLING CANNON

Much War Material Rusting
on Old Drill Grounds

With the American Forces in Germany, Aug. 22.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) How to dispose of war material worth many millions of marks is a problem confronting German military authorities. Press reports from various parts of Germany indicate that great masses of guns and other war material are rusting on old drill grounds or are being sold for junk.

Illustrated papers recently published a photograph of an enormous stack of shell-damaged cannon which were to be broken up in Westphalia for the metal. Newspapers say that on the old artillery drill ground at Oldenburg there are more than 1000 wagons and guns in various stages of wreck awaiting purchasers. Some of the editors have been demanding that something be done at once to get old baggage wagons and other former war vehicles into the hands of the farmers who are much in need of wagons.

Article 169 of the peace treaty states that "within two months of the coming into force of the present treaty German arms, munitions and war material, including anti-aircraft material, existing in Germany in excess of the quantities allowed, must be surrendered to the governments of the principal Allied and associated powers to be destroyed or rendered useless."

German newspapers say that vast stocks of wagons, field ranges and guns and other material are stored at military posts throughout the country and that the German officials are making no effort to dispose of them.

UNIQUE PARTY GIVEN BY MISS SUE SPROTT

A unique party was given by Miss Sue Sprott at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sprott Friday evening in honor of their house guest, Miss Maria Whitson of Alabama.

After the guests had all arrived they were given cards and told to make eight engagements for Progressive convention, when this was over the game of trailing fortunes was played much amusement being caused as the guests were sent from the attic to the cellar in search of their fortunes.

Before time for refreshments to be served the young men each in turn took the fishing line and stood on the stairway and fished among the bunch of girls in the reception room until he had a bite—after each had "caught" a partner Miss Sprott served cream and cake.

Throughout the evening a delicious punch was served by Misses Lida and Maud Sprott from a cozy nook.

The guests were: Misses Isabel Wolfe, Rounette Hirschmann, Alice Wilson, Aline Rigby, Maud Sprott, Irma McKelvey, Addie Weinberg, Ruth Smith, Melita Swartz, Leonora Johnson, Sam Barron, William Smith, Harry Gerald, Archie Barron, Jr., Chovine Sprott, Sam Sprott, Morgan Sprott, Jim and Jesse Sprott, Rev. J. A. Easley, Dwight Turbeville, and Norwood Hall.

HILL CLUB ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Cary Smith entertained the members of the Hill Club at a rook party Friday afternoon. At the conclusion of the games a delicious salad course with Russian tea was served. Those playing were: Mrs. Gerald, Mrs. Arant, Mrs. McElveen, Mrs. Crouch, Mrs. Hirschmann, Mrs. Sue McLeod, Mrs. Horace Thomas, Miss Kathleen Arant and Miss Lenora Johnson.

Mrs. T. H. Timmons and children left Sunday night for Rowland N. C. where they will make their future home.

The thirty-three set speeches on his schedule. From this point on there will be only a few days on which his plans call for more than one speech.

One Speech a Day.

One speech a day will be the rule during all of the coming week with the exception of Tuesday, when there is no address on the schedule. He will spend the entire week on the Pacific coast and from Tuesday morning until Sunday night will be in California, the home State of Senator Johnson, a leader among the treaty opponents.

Leaving Seattle late tonight the President will speak tomorrow night in Portland, Oregon. Tuesday will be spent on the train enroute to San Francisco where he will speak Wednesday night. Thursday night he will be in Oakland, Friday night and Saturday night in Los Angeles. Because of the lightening of his schedule of set speeches it is considered possible he will break his rule talking from the rear platform of his train more frequently.

T. U. VAUGHN ESCAPED LAST MONDAY NIGHT

Former Head of Odd Fellows Home Leaves Dummy in Bed and Beats It—Was to Have Been Sent This Week to Greenville for Possible Resentence.

Thurston U. Vaughn, the former head of the Odd Fellows Orphanage at Greenville, who was sentenced several years ago to the electric chair for criminal assault on young girl inmates of the home, but who afterwards was sent to the state hospital, in a plea of insanity, escaped from the hospital here today. He was to have been taken to Greenville this week, to undergo sanity tests, and if found not to be insane, would then be re-sentenced to the electric chair. This was in accordance with a court order of last Saturday in Greenville.

This is the second time Vaughn has escaped. He escaped from the Greenville jail several years ago, after his sentence to the electric chair. When he was found in Baltimore and brought back to the penitentiary he acted in such a manner as to be judged insane, and was then committed to the state hospital. A recent sanity commission again declared him insane.

Vaughn's escape was made from a ward on the fourth floor of the main building of the asylum in which he had been confined. It is the opinion of hospital authorities that he had in some way secured a key and that he unlocked the door leading to the fire escape. All wards in the hospital are unlocked by the same key. None of the windows in Vaughn's ward were broken and there was no evidence of the doors having been forced.

Escaped During Night. Vaughn escaped between 8:30 o'clock last night and 6 o'clock this morning, according to the night attendant of his ward, who says that Vaughn retired rather early last night complaining of a headache. At 6 o'clock this morning the attendant went into his room to deliver the morning newspaper. He saw what he took to be Vaughn's body in the bed under the bed clothes. At 7 o'clock the night attendant came on duty and the day attendant came on. About an hour later this attendant went to Vaughn's room to call him, as he had not appeared. He found a dummy in the bed, which had been made from clothing.

The attendant at once gave a general alarm and search was immediately begun for the prisoner. Officers all over the State were notified but thus far no clue has been found as to the whereabouts of the escaped man. The night attendant says that he was in and out of the ward during the night but saw nothing of Vaughn. Vaughn is described as being about

38 years of age, about five feet tall, weighs about 120 pounds, has light brown hair, very thin, in almost bald on top. He has blue eyes, very penetrating, rather protruding. He has a light sandy complexion and a rather effeminate appearance. He wears a No. 6 shoe and is supposed to have carried with him a gray suit with an extra pair of blue trousers.

When a search of the grounds was made it resulted in the discovery that a bench which had been sitting in the yard had been moved to the brick wall which surrounds the grounds and there were footprints which resembled those of Vaughn's nearby. A brick pavement runs along the outside of this wall, but in the street adjoining there were automobile tracks which showed that a machine had been turned there. Automobile traffic is heavy on this street, however, and machines frequently turn in the block.

The crime for which Vaughn was convicted was a most revolting one. He was superintendent of the Odd Fellows Orphan home at Greenville and was found guilty of having ravished little girl inmates of the home. After his arrest and while he was awaiting trial, he escaped from the Greenville county jail. He was apprehended several weeks later in Baltimore, Md.

Vaughn when placed on trial confessed to his relations with the inmates and was convicted by the jury. The judge imposed a sentence of death. An appeal was taken first to the State supreme court and later to the United States supreme court by his attorneys. Vaughn was in the meantime placed in the State penitentiary for safe-keeping and there developed what appeared to be insanity.

His mental condition has been studied by some of the most noted alienists in the country and their views have somewhat differed. Solicitor Barron consenting, an order was issued by a circuit judge at Greenville transferring Vaughn to the asylum several years ago. He has been in the asylum ever since.

Last year the State Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows passed a resolution asking that Vaughn be re-sentenced to death. Last week Solicitor J. R. Martin secured an order from the court directing that he be taken to Greenville for resentence.

Vaughn was formerly a Baptist preacher in the Sunday school of the First Baptist church of Greenville. He has a brother who is now a teacher of the Horrell Hill section in this county.

BODY OF CLAUD C. HOUGH IS FOUND

Sumter Man Believed to
Have Taken His Own
Life

Sumter, Sept. 13.—News has been received here that Claude C. Hough, of Sumter, committed suicide and that his body has been found in a hotel in San Francisco.

Mr. Hough, who was cashier of the Bank of Pinewood, left here about three weeks ago presumably on his vacation, but did not return at the appointed time. Every effort was made to locate him, without success. The telegram from the chief of police to Mr. Hough was the first news from him for some time. Later yesterday additional news was received in which it was stated that young Hough left a note stating that it was not on account of financial difficulties that he was taking his life. Information received from the bank is that no irregularities have been discovered. Mr. Hough came to Sumter about two years ago from Fountain Inn and was for a long time employed at the City National Bank. He resigned his position to enter the air service of the army and upon his discharge was elected cashier of the Pinewood bank which position he filled with zeal and efficiency. He has many friends who were shocked to hear of his death.

MANNING'S COTTON

GRADER DELAYED

The following telegram was sent Tuesday by Mr. DuRant.

Manning, S. C., Sept. 16, 1919.
D. W. Watkins,
Clemson College, S. C.
Grader not arrived.
Charlton DuRant.

The following message was received in reply to the above by Mr. DuRant.

Charlton DuRant,
Manning, S. C.
Have wired Henry McRae, Eastman, Ga. to know cause of delay.
W. A. Watkins.

FELDER-BARRON

An unusual degree of interest centered in the marriage of Miss Ruth Felder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Felder to James Pressley Barron, which was solemnized at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon at old Andrews Chapel at Silver. The ceremony was performed by the brides' pastor, the Rev. A. S. Leslie, the impressive ring ceremony being used.

The church was beautifully decorated in southern smilax, a profusion of ferns forming a background for the altar. The bridal party entered to the strains of the "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin played by Miss Thomas, a cousin of the bride. First came the usher, Scott Bagal and Mr. Felder of Atlanta. They were followed by the groomsmen, M. Dantzer of Orangeburg and Sam Barron. Then came the bridesmaids, Miss Crooksey and Miss Felder of Summerton and Miss Emily Willard of Spartanburg, who wore French pink frocks of georgette and large picture hats. They carried bunches of pink chrysanthemums tied with pink tulle. The brides wore a lovely gown of white tulle over satin trimmed in real lace and carried a silver cloth with touches of old hue and wearing a picture hat. She carried an arm full of pink roses.

Next came the maid of honor, Miss Cora Felder, a sister of the bride, who wore a lovely frock of white georgette embroidered in French blue and carried a bouquet of pink roses tied with tulle. The charming little bride entered on the arm of her father. Her petite beauty was embraced by her father and she was escorted to the altar by her father. She wore a lovely gown of white tulle over satin trimmed in real lace and carried a silver cloth with touches of old hue and wearing a picture hat. She carried an arm full of pink roses.

The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Archie Barron, Jr. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis entertained the wedding party and immediate families at an informal reception. Mr. and Mrs. Barron left for a wedding trip and upon their return will make their home at Andrews, N. C. where Mr. Barron holds a responsible position in the schools.

The bride traveled in a smart blue coat suit on the prevailing straight lines, a chic little blue hat with ostrich trimming and a blouse of Persian Crepe.

Mrs. Barron is an attractive member of the younger set whose charming personality has won for her scores of friends. She is a recent graduate of Columbia College.

Mr. Barron is an honor graduate of Wofford College. He is the eldest son of Hon. A. L. Barron and Mary Anna Davis who was a daughter of the late James E. Davis.

A very large and handsome collection of wedding presents attest the popularity and the wide family connections of the young couple. Among the out of town guests were: Mrs. N. G. Gonzales and Master Gonzales of Orangeburg, Frank E. Barron of Charleston, Miss Emily Willard of Spartanburg, Meher Dantzer of Orangeburg and Mr. Davis of Atlanta.

Ruth Chapter confers Royal and Monday night 22nd eight thirty. All Doyal and Masons are particularly requested to be present.

FORECASTS CROP BELOW 10,000,000

Average Condition for September 12
Placed at 56.4 Per Cent

St. Matthews, Sept. 15.—"Under present conditions, with even a late frost, a cotton crop of less than ten million bales is a certainty," is the opinion of J. S. Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton Association.

A statement given out by Mr. Wannamaker today for the association sets out the crop prospects as extremely gloomy. The average condition in the cotton belt for September 12 is placed at 54.6.

The crop from three to four weeks late, it was declared; the fruiting is very poor, the bolls under size and opening prematurely as a result of adverse seasons and diseased root system. Tests at gineries, moreover, have shown that the line yields this season is running considerably below normal.

Continuing the statement asserts that insect damage, which continues with wide prevalence has spread over the greatest area in history, and will show the greatest injury ever experienced; that the acreage abandonment will be the largest of any year.

"Our record," Mr. Wannamaker said, "show an acreage abandonment of 9.25 per cent, not including abandonment from boll weevil and insect damage. The Department of Agriculture has notified us that it will publish figures on the acreage abandonment by October 2. With early frosts, the report under this head will certainly be startling. Even with a late frost a crop under ten million bales is a certainty."

PAXVILLE ITEMS

Miss Leila Corbett has resigned the Paxville post office to accept a similar position in the Sumter office. The place here is being filled by her sister, Miss Ethel Corbett.

Miss Sadie Gutter of Denmark is spending a while with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Cutter.

Mr. W. M. Hodge has recently purchased the residence here owned by Mrs. Elma Tisdale, and will move to it in a few days.

Mrs. J. W. Mims, Jr. has for her house guests this week, the Misses Plexico, of Sharon.

Mr. Sprott of Manning has accepted the position of cashier in the Bank of Paxville.

Mr. Waldo Reynolds spent last week in St. Louis purchasing a load of stock for their recently erected livery and sales stables.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Curtis of Manning spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. S. E. Curtis.

Miss Iva Geddings left Tuesday for Winthrop college where she is a member of the senior class.

Mrs. May Baker of Pamlico recently visited relatives and friends in the community.

Miss Geraldine Bowen left last week to resume her studies at Anderson college.

The September meeting of the Methodist W. F. M. S. met with Mrs. A. S. Corbett who so hospitably opened the doors of her beautiful home to us. There was a large crowd in attendance. Our president, Miss Jessie Curtis called us to order and read and explained the Bible lesson in her usual calm and sweet manner. After the singing of a hymn, the business part of the program was carried out. The treasurer reported about half of the pledge as already collected and requested that all dues and pledges for the year be paid in by the November meeting. Miss Ethel Corbett conducted a quiz which dealt principally with the sanitary and moral conditions of our community. In answering these questions, suggestions were made as to how our society might help the less fortunate members of our community along social, educational, and moral lines. Mrs. Joe Mims, Jr. told very interestingly of a missionary meeting she had attended during her vacation and of hearing a talk by a missionary who is at home on furlough from China. The theme of the meeting, "Making Democracy Safe Socially," was then taken up and Miss Iva Geddings, Mrs. J. W. Mims, Jr., Mrs. M. B. Corbett, Miss Aline Corbett, and Miss Ethel Corbett discussed respectively the following topics on the main subject: "A Lawyer Making Democracy Safe Socially," "A Doctor Making Democracy Safe Socially," "Churches Making Democracy Safe Socially," "A President Making Democracy Safe," and "Making Democracy Safe on the Mexican Border." All of these talks were both interesting and instructive. It was decided that the next meeting be held at the home of Mrs. G. Henry Curtis. After the meeting was adjourned, we spent a very pleasant half hour enjoying the grapes which Mrs. Corbett so thoughtfully served us.

Died yesterday his home near Summerton, Hon. John R. Dingle. The deceased had been in ill health for quite a while, and the end was not unexpected. Mr. Dingle represented Clarendon county in the legislature one term, and was a candidate for State Senator twice, receiving a good vote. He was a large planter and was held in the highest esteem by those that knew him. The body was brought to Manning this morning and shipped to Charleston where the interment will be held. A widow and one son survive him.

THE NEW ORLEANS COTTON CONVENTION

We are informed that the great Cotton Convention in New Orleans really did something. As we understand the plan proposed by Mr. L. D. Jennings a corporation is to be formed in each county to buy all the distress cotton coming on the market, paying 1-4 cent above what any other buyer will pay for it as long as the market is under the minimum price fixed by the Association. The corporation will then store this cotton, then removing it from the trade, and hold it until the market reaches the minimum price when they will gradually unload, shutting down as soon as the market drops below the minimum.

No corporation is to begin business until 60 per cent of the cotton counties of the South report they have such corporations organized. If this is carried out, any child can see the farmers can fix the price for their cotton.

So satisfied are some of our business men of the soundness of the proposition that they have begun subscribing to the stock of the Company, and application has been made to the Secretary of State for permission to incorporate by subscription to the capital stock of a \$200,000.00 Corporation for Clarendon County.

We understand that Mr. L. D. Jennings has been invited to address a mass meeting of the farmers and business men of the county on Friday evening, the 26th inst., at 8:30 p. m. in the Court House. Not a man in the County who is interested in any way in the price of cotton should miss this meeting. This paper will announce positively next week whether Mr. Jennings can be present at the stated time or not.

In the meantime, Messrs. E. C. Thomas, Jos. E. Davis, R. D. Clark, B. A. Johnson or W. C. Davis will take your subscription if you want to make some money and at the same time help every farmer.

NOTICE

Bovee, Mill, Keitt and Brooks streets are closed for improvements. The public drive and walk over these at their own risk. We will not be responsible for an accident occurring on or near these streets.
Simmons-Mavrant Co. 4t-c.

Miss Mary Geiger who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. R. L. Bell has returned to her home in Columbia.

Mrs. J. H. Johnson and little Emily of Sumter were the week-end guests of Miss Lucy Johnson.